## LAWS GOVERNING ISSUES OF BONDS

What Must Be Done Before the Counties Can Take a Vote.

LAWS PASSED IN 1904, 1908

Conditions Are Now Exceptionally Favorable for Securing Permanent Highways.

BY E. C. PECHIN.

In discussing the propriety of issuing bonds for road improvement it is desirable that the voters should have a clear idea of the laws governing such issue and what must be done before a vote can be taken.

There are two laws authorizing bonds—that of 1904 and that of 1908. As far as known, the bonds now being issued by several counties of the State are under the provisions of the act of 1908. The general law of 1904 is complicated and objectionable. It requires the assent of three-fifths of the qualified voters of the county, with the proviso that these three-lifths must include a majority of the fresholders voting, these latter votes to be deposited in a separate box. What constitutes a freeholder is not defined, and special action would have to be taken for finding out and listing freeholders. In this law the bonds are issued directly by the county, and hence requires the action of the voters of the whole

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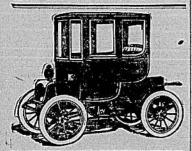
The voters taking part are all of those qualified to vote at the preceding November election, with the proviso that no voter shall be allowed to vote at the special election who resides and is a voter in a town exempt from road tax.

Special Elections.

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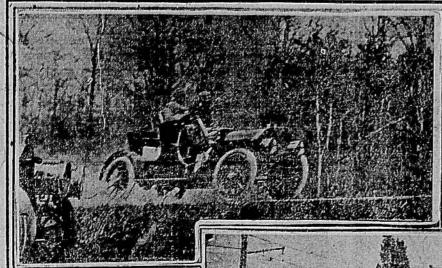
Every farmer can improve his variety of corn if he will select his seed on the stake just before it is gathered, and he can certainly prepare his land and work his corn properly. If he will his reward will be very great by so doing. This corn prize of The Times-Dispatch is intended to get the farmers to do these very things, and have been much disappointed that subscriptions have not come in, rapidly and swelled the amount to several thousand dollars.

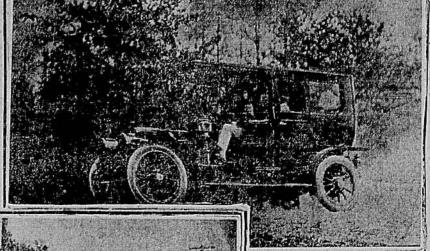
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Mr. Henderson Replies to the Communication of "Halifax."

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir.—I again ask you for space in which to reply to the letter of "Halifax" then cites cases of the condemnation of property for the purpose of establishing public highways of charge, relying on the generosity fax. Which appeared in a recent issue of The Times-Dispatch. Halifax has written a clever letter. It is a common device of some lawyers, when they have a poor case to defend, to resort to the introduction of irrelevant matter whenever possible, and by talking all around the facts confuse the jury as to the issue. I think that a

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